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STATE SENATE HONORS FLOOD DISASTER RELIEF WORKER & FAMILY

SENATORS SMITH AND GATTI AUTHOR RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING VOLUNTEER FROM ILLINOIS

At the urging of State Senators John Smith and Ryan Gatti, the Louisiana Senate unanimously approved Senate Resolution 44, a resolution honoring Don Fulkerson from Galatia, Illinois. Fulkerson, who along with his wife Margie was a member of the Galatia First Baptist Church Disaster Relief team, died of a heart attack while assisting flood victims in Leesville, Louisiana.

“Folks like Don and Margie who unselfishly traveled long distances and left the comfort of their daily lives to assist strangers in Louisiana have been key in helping many in Louisiana to return to their homes after the devastating and widespread floods across the state. Senate Resolution 44 is an effort to properly honor Don and his family and his volunteer efforts,” said District 30 Sen. Smith.

Fulkerson, age seventy-seven, was a dedicated member of his church’s disaster first responders team. He had rushed to the aid of victims of natural disasters across the country 15 different times over the last four years. The disaster relief team provides feeding stations, mobile kitchens, child care and faith support to victims.

As the resolution and District 36 State Sen. Gatti noted, “Don Fulkerson and his wife Margie shared a deep and abiding faith and used that faith to bring both support and comfort to those who suffered from natural disasters. We want their family and friends to know that their efforts were genuinely appreciated by all Louisianians.”

A copy of the resolution can be found on the Senate website by clicking on the following link: <https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/BillInfo.aspx?s=16RS&b=SR44&sbi=y> .

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